

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in this application. Claims 1-7 and 9-28 stand rejected. Claim 8 stands objected to, but is said to be allowable if amended so as not to be dependent from a rejected base claim. Claim 8 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 2-7, 9-18, 21, and 25 have been amended to be dependent from, now, independent claim 8. Claims 1, 19-20, 22-24, and 26-28 have been canceled.

Attorney for Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the discussion held with the Examiner in order to address issues outstanding in the present application.

This Response is believed to place the claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this Response, reconsideration, and allowance of all claims remaining in the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 19-20, 22-24, and 26-28 have been cancelled and claims 2-7, 9-18, 21, and 25 have been amended in order to advance the application to a condition of allowance, and not for reasons of patentability. Attorney for Applicants expressly reserves the right to re-file and prosecute any or all of these claims in future application(s).

A. Rejection of Claims 22-24 under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claims 22-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Claims 22-24 have been canceled. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection to claims 22-24 is respectfully requested.

B. Rejection of Claims 1-7 and 9-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-7 and 9-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 6-325920 ("the Japanese Abstract").

Claims 1, 19-20, 22-24, 26-28 have been canceled. Claims 2-7, 9-18, 21, and 25 have been amended to be either directly or indirectly dependent from claim 8, which the Examiner has deemed to be allowable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, amended claims 2-7, 9-18, 21, and 25 are also believed to be allowable over the prior art of record. Although Applicants disagree that claims 1-7 and 9-28 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on the Japanese Abstract, it is believed that the Examiner's rejections are now rendered moot.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons discussed above, withdrawal of the rejection to claim 1-7 and 9-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the Japanese Abstract is respectfully requested.


CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that claims 2-18, 21, and 25 of the present invention, as amended, recite a novel and non-obvious method of forming a ferrite material. The cited references do not teach or suggest the claimed invention. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this Response, reconsideration of the rejections, and allowance of all remaining pending claims at an early date are earnestly solicited.

If the undersigned can be of assistance to the Examiner in addressing issues to advance the application to allowance, please contact the undersigned at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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